UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB 02-742-O (400/144))

IN THE AI	PPLICATION OF:)	
McS	Swiggen et al.)	
Serial No.	10/764,957) Examiner:	Gibbs, Terra
Filed:	January 26, 2004) Group Art Unit:	1635
Title:	RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor and Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Receptor Gene Expression Using Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)	Confirmation No.: Confirmation No.: Confirmation No.:	9923

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2006. Applicants respectfully petition for a 3 month extension of time and include appropriate fee. Applicants additionally file a Request for Continued Examination and fee with this amendment. No further fees are thought to be due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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